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Press Release: State Board Recognizes Martha Heath for Contribution to Education

Audience: All

The Vermont State Board of Education recognized this year's recipient of the Martha H. O'Connor Award during its monthly meeting on Monday. Martha Heath of Westford, Chair of the Westford School Board and state legislator, was recognized for her continued contributions to Vermont education and students by State Board members in a lunchtime ceremony. To read the complete release, visit http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/press_releases.html.

Contact: Jill Remick, Communications Director, at (802) 828-3154 or jill.remick@state.vt.us

FY10 Medicaid Reinvestment Report Due August 16th

Audience: Special Education Directors, Business Managers and Superintendents

Each year supervisory unions are required to submit two reports related to Medicaid: the Medicaid Reinvestment Report and the Report on Expenditures of School Health Services. These reports are both due to the department no later than **August 16, 2010**. To view the reports, visit http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_finance_sped/medicaid.html#reinvest.

Contact: Nicole Tousignant, Medicaid Program Coordinator at (802) 828-5111 or nicole.tousignant@state.vt.us

Vermont Health Education Guidelines for Curriculum and Assessment

Audience: Administrators, Curriculum Coordinators, Health Educators

This document is based on Vermont's *Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities*, *Vermont Health Education Standards*, the work of the State Collaborative on Assessment and Student Standards and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Adolescent Risk Behaviors. The guidelines will support schools in the development of curriculum, instruction and assessment of students' knowledge and skills in health education. Visit http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_health_ed.html#guide.

Contact: Donna McAllister at (802) 828-1636 or donna.mcallister@state.vt.us

Reminder: FY 2010-2011 BEST/Act 230 Grant Application

Audience: Superintendents, Special Education Directors, Curriculum Coordinators

Act 230 (reauthorized as Act 157) requires that every local school district have an educational support system for children who require additional assistance in order to succeed in the general education environment. Based on the continued successes of the Vermont Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS) effort, the commissioner has designated PBS as the priority area for use of these funds. All BEST/Act 230 grant applications must be submitted by the supervisory union/school district as one application for schools within the union/district and sent electronically with an electronic signature or an e-mail directly from the superintendent of schools. **NOTE: Applications must be submitted and approved before funds are expended. Applications may be submitted immediately but no later than September 15, 2010.** Visit http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_ess.html#best_app. Contact: Sabine Baldwin at (802) 828-0183 or sabine.baldwin@state.vt.us

Reminder: Combined Incident Reporting Software (CIRS) Due July 1, 2010

Audience: Principals and Superintendents

This is a reminder that the CIRS data collection is due to the department on **July 1, 2010**. Please be reminded that even if you are fortunate enough to have no incidents to report, you are still required to submit this information. In addition, this is the first year that superintendents in addition to school principals are required to sign off on the accuracy of the data.

Pertinent information may be found at:

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_IT/data_collection.html#cirs.

Contact: Help Desk at (802) 828-3777

From the Vermont Criminal Information Center:

Criminal Background Check Training

Audience: Principals, Superintendents

Recent legislation has resulted in some changes to the laws governing the record check process as it pertains to educational institutions. These changes include the availability of a subscription service and facilitated access to more complete out-of-state conviction information that will go into effect on July 1, 2010. Additionally a criminal history re-check option will be available in December of 2010. In an effort to keep everyone up to date on the implementation of the new laws and the changes to the Vermont Criminal Conviction Internet Record Site (VCCRIS), the Vermont Criminal Information Center (VCIC) has scheduled an online training class of approximately one hour. This training will be a computer-based teleconference and will include an introduction to the subscription service as well as a discussion of the recent changes to the law.

The training times are as follows: June 22, 2010 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; June 23, 2010 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; or June 24, 2010 9 a.m.-1 p.m. To register for one of the classes, go to the following URL and choose the date and time of the course you will attend and enter the appropriate information.

<https://student.gototraining.com/395sm/catalog/109345190>.

Contact: Bonnie Goode, Criminal Record Check Program Coordinator; Vermont Criminal Information Center, (802) 241-5237

From the Vermont Higher Education Collaborative:

Driver Educator Coursework Series Begins in One Week

High School Principals; Driver Educators; Curriculum Coordinators

Driver Educator coursework series begins on June 21, 2010. Four courses in total are offered over summer 2010 and can be taken for Driver Educator endorsement, re-licensure or continuing education. Registration still open for every course, but time is running out.

Visit <http://www.vthec.org/images/Summer%202010%204-14-10.pdf>.

Contact: Vermont Higher Education Collaborative at info@vthec.org or Kate O'Neill or (802) 828-5151 or kathryn.oneill@state.vt.us

From the Vermont Department of Health:

Updated School Health Services, Standards of Practice Manual

Audience: School Nurses, School Health Professionals

This document is available on the Vermont Department of Health, School Health Web site:

http://healthvermont.gov/local/school/SchoolHealth-Standards_of_Practice.aspx.

The School Health Standards of Practice Committee worked all year reviewing and updating the standards manual. We reviewed each section, checked references, and authorizations. Live links were added to improve accessibility.

Contact: Emily Pastore, RN,BSN, Vermont Department of Health, School Nurse Consultant, at (802) 863-7348 or emily.pastore@ahs.state.vt.us

From the University of Vermont:

Vermont Child Health Symposium: Partnerships for Care Quality, Integration, and Coordination

Audience: Principals, School Health Professionals

To be held on July 29 - 31, 2010 at the University of Vermont in Burlington. The symposium is intended for pediatric health practitioners, Medicaid and other child-serving state agency leaders and policymakers. Judy Palfrey, MD, President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, will deliver the keynote address on "Health Care Reform: What's in it for Kids?" We also have a strong line up of a number of our state agency and university colleagues presenting on various topics related to child health policy and practice - from the Vermont Blueprint for Health and HIT to behavioral health and EPSDT in Vermont. We invite you and your colleagues to enjoy a few days of summer in the beautiful Burlington area to share our experiences in supporting children's health.

For more information on the symposium, visit: <http://learn.uvm.edu/images/vchipone.pdf>.

From the Lamoille Area Professional Development Association (LAPDA):

Creative Movement and Folk Dance for Physical Education

Audience: Physical Education Professionals

The Vermont Orff Center at LAPDA is offering "Creative Movement and Folk Dance for Physical Education" M-F 7/26-8/6, mornings except some early afternoon and one evening (8/5). This practical, hands-on course, which addresses NASPE standards, will give teachers kid-tested lessons to implement in the classroom right away. Dr. Connie Hale has studied with Phyllis Weikart and others, and is ready to share her classroom expertise with you. Three graduate credits available through St. Michael's College. For information and registration go to:

<http://www.lapdvt.org/upcoming-courses/Creative-Movement-and-Folk-Dance-for-Physical-Education> or call course director Steve Owens at (802) 229-4539.

Orff Level I Teacher Training for Music Teachers in Montpelier

Audience: Music Teachers

AOSA approved Orff-Schulwerk training has only been available outside of Vermont. For the first time the opportunity to learn and grow in active, joyous Orff-Schulwerk music making is available locally. The Vermont Orff Center at LAPDA is offering Level I M-F from July 26-August 6 and includes one evening (8/5.) This is substantive, internationally recognized training for general music teachers. Experts from Iowa, South Carolina and Vermont will be the instructors. Four graduate credits available through St. Michael's College. For information and registration go to: <http://www.lapdvt.org/upcoming-courses/Orff-Schulwerk-Teacher-Training-Level-1> or call course director Steve Owens at (802) 229-4539.

From the Vermont Commission on Women:

Girls and STEM: Why So Few?

Audience: All

In an era when women are increasingly prominent in medicine, law and business, why are so few women in science and engineering fields? A new research report by AAUW (the American Association of University Women) funded by the National Science Foundation presents compelling evidence that can help to explain this question. *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics* <http://www.aauw.org/research/whysofew.cfm> presents eight recent research findings that point to important environmental and social barriers - including stereotypes and gender bias - that continue to block women's participation and progress in science, technology, engineering, and math. Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains and Vermont Commission on Women collaborate every year on a statewide on-line survey titled "What Vermont Teen Girls Say". Read the executive summary of this year's survey here: http://women.vermont.gov/sites/women/files/pdf/2010_Survey.pdf
Contact: Lilly Talbert, Communications Coordinator, Vermont Commission on Women (VCW), at (802) 828-2841 / 800-881-1561 or <http://women.vermont.gov/>

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For the Department of Education Web site see: <http://education.vermont.gov/>. For upcoming events or professional development opportunities, see the DOE Calendar of Events located at: <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html>.

Main Department Line: (802) 828-3135

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